

REMARKS

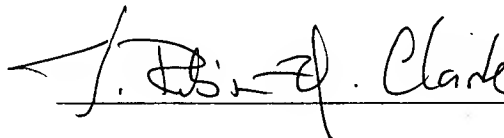
It is believed that the amendments render the restriction requirement set forth in the previous Office Action unnecessary. All of the claims are now directed to either a method or a kit for performing the method.. Consideration of all of the claims together will not increase the burden of search. Accordingly, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

In the event that the restriction requirement is still deemed necessary, applicants elect, with traverse, the claims falling in Group I (drawn to a method for measuring). By the instant amendment, Group I now comprises claims 1-9, 11 and 12.

In the event that the method and kit claims continue to be restricted, applicants elect the method claims of Group I with traverse. By the instant amendment, the method claims are now claims 1-9, 11 and 12.

Respectfully submitted,

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